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Mr. James C. Bierer
Chair
Fernald Citizens Advisory Board

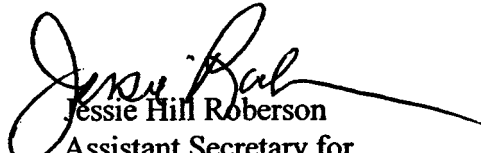
Dear Mr. Bierer:

This is in response to your February 26, 2003, letter regarding the proposed Office of Legacy Management (LM). Specifically, you requested a clarification of how LM plans to incorporate input from the Environmental Management (EM) Site Specific Advisory Board (SSAB) into its activities.

SSABs will continue to support the EM mission at EM sites until remediation is complete. As Fernald transitions to the LM organization, LM will assess and determine the scope of public participation and outreach activities. LM has already begun to open a dialogue with stakeholders. Recently, Mr. Michael Owen, who is responsible for the standup of the LM organization, spoke at the semi-annual SSAB Chairs meeting and clarified that the LM organization will support the Department of Energy's commitment to stakeholder participation. In fact, Mr. Owen will be attending the mid-April meeting of the Fernald Citizens Advisory Board and will have the opportunity at that time to receive input from your organization's members.

If you have any further questions, please call me at (202) 586-7709 or Mr. Michael Owen, Office of Worker and Community Transition, at (202)586-7550.

Sincerely,


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